overcome with fright, sinks on a stone and sobs

aloud; while Ina strives to embolden her timid

sister by declaring the genii, after all, harmless

things, to cheer her with a description of their visit to the Frog King's palace, and of their fine sport that very morning; describing the hunt in such glowing language as to thoroughly arouse her sister

from her despondency. But here the cavern gives back a mocking laugh, and it is with difficulty

Ina can summon courage to return for the snakes. Advancing with great effort, Ina leading her

trembling sister, both are attracted by the dazzling

LOYAL WOMAN'S WORK

Familiar Talks --- Experience Meeting. Relief Corps Notes.

[Conducted by Kate B. Sherwood.]

In a former article the defect in our educational system which directs the ambition of every boy towards the professions was pointed put. Such a system is not only short-sighted, but it is positively hurtful. It is a system which takes good, strong material and warps and bends and trims it for a purpose entirely different from that which nature intended. The result is a horde of idle lawyers and doctors and professional loafers in every community, starving in a garret or preying upon the credulities of the ignorant and turbulent masses.

Now, we take it that the professional man who is cut out by nature for the place he must fill must inevitably come to the front, while the man who has taken up its duties as a makeshift, or to gratify some ill-founded ambition, must inevitably go down. How much more certain is this to be the case when the supply is greater than the demand. If a community only needs one dector and two or more come in to occupy the field, it is the one endowed by nature rather than by education who will inevitably take the foremost place. Natural selection centrols in this as in everything else.

EDUCATED WORKMEN. work, cabinet making and paper hanging to arsenie poison. essential branches in all our schools.

walks side by side with him, and the richest once or twice a day. results of human ingenuity are his for the asking. The inventor is the real benefactor of his race, and an ambitions boy who would make a name and a comfortable maintenance for himself cannot be too quick in finding this out. It should be the study of every father to fathom the tastes and inclinations of his sons and see to it that their oducation is in that line. Many a good machinist is spoiled in a poor lawyer, and many a rudimentary capitalist lies folded up in a very poor legislator.

WATT, THE ENGINEER.

The constructive talent, wherever it manifests itself, should be developed and encouraged. Parents can belp their children amazingly by Watt's great discovery in steam navigation and form. may be trazed back to the time when his father, ter's hols with which to experiment. He was also encouraged in drawing mathematical lines and figures upon the hearth. His mother evidently was not a woman who was afraid that the house would be littered and made untidy by the play of the children. Every one will remember the story of how

Watt occup ed himself with the kettle, and by means of a cup and spoon made an early experiment in the condensation of steam. Later the boy was allowed to experiment at will among the sails and ropes, blocks and tackle of his father's marine stores. He also set up a little forge for his own use and repaired and made various kinds of instruments. From this, at the age of eighteen, he took up his trade as a mathematical instrument maker, and so progressed until he stood forth the marvel of his age and the model and benefactor of generations to come. It might have set the world back several centuries had home and school combined . to crush the young experimenter and inventor

in his gradie. What should our children read, is the quested story papers, dime novels, mawkish trash, come under the class of what they should read. ten and a brother thirteen. Last spring and sum-And yet, in too many families, reading matter | mer my brother clerked in a store, but now we like the above constitutes almost the sole sup- are all going to school. ply of the youth and children. What wonder that we hear every few days of boy tragedies, of accidental shooting, quarrels with knives or do anything dishonest. I hope there will not be and derringers, of disobedience of parents and any more war, for I would not like to have my

RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME. We have now in mind a boy, more than usu- To the Editor NATIONAL TERRUNE :

was fixed and all the family were sound asleep, when he arose, tied up his clothes in a bundle for the land of his hopes. The romance of the story is destroyed by the statement that with less trouble and at far less risk of arousing the bunschold, he could have turned the key in the bolt and walked out. But this would not have been runing away from home.

Two other boys of our acquaintance ran away from a beautiful home and indulgent eling show, and did not stop until they got to Omaha, where, from sheer want, they telegraphed, through the authorities, for their

PROFITABLE BOOKS TO READ.

While an occasional book of adventure may be profitably read by the boys and the girls of and "Education of American Girls." the family, there should be a systematic effort to lead them along to someting better. Books | I enjoy the war stories and sketches in THE NAthat combine both instruction and adventure, Troxat Truevar very much, as history is my we can conscientiously recommend. Such favorite study. books are Jules Verne's unique series, including "Around the World in Eighty Days," "Forty Leagues under the Sea," &c.; also, Higginson's "Young Folk's Books of American To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Explorers." For girls, more especially, Miss Alcott's storics and the sweet tales of writers like "Pansy" (Mrs. Alden) are invaluable. Marion Harland's "Plain Talks with Girls" Mariou Harland's "Piain Talks with Girls" | He was with Sheridan in his campaign in the should be in the hands of every coming woman. | Shenandoah Valley. He was a sergeant under

CURRENT JUVENILE LITERATURE. profitably read in the family circle, by the youth and children, we can unequivocally rec- NATIONAL TRIBUNE. ommend the following, for boys and girls over twelve: St. Nicholas, The Golden Argosy, The Youth's Companion. For boys and girls under twelve: Wide Awake, The Pansy, Our Little penny trash. Some kinds of books and papers seeds of a moral poison that will spring up and choke the healthful and beautiful growth of which every father and mother who has properly instructed their children may be justly proud.

COMMON DISEASES AND THEIR REMEDIES. MARRIEREAD, MASS., December, 1883,

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I received a copy of your paper of November 15th, and am interested in the articles in Loyal Woman's Work, sagismissivthat which was under consideration and is to be in following papers-"Skin Disenses." Would like to have answered in that column this question; "Is the skin disease which comes in water blisters, which breaks and spreads on the hands, itches intensely, and is called Revenue, a parasitic humor? And what is a remedy for the same?

Ecxema is not of the parasitie order; acither is it the result of infection. Although there is generally a local cause for the outbreak, there is a constitutional cause, imperfectly understood, behind that. There is a low and debilitated state of the system, with derangement of the a cretions; constitution is usually present, and the prime often presents changes, shown by the presence of the urates and oxalates of lime.

crust," to which infants are subject, is a con-stitutional variety; also, the "tooth rash," which affects young children at the toothcutting period. Ecxema may also show itself at all ages on the face, head, bend of the knees and elbows, forming a crust and becoming sore and tender, particularly in cold weather. It attacks the ankles and joints, and makes obhands of those engaged in the occupations noted. Cooks and hostlers, and indeed all who have their hands much exposed to water and

weather are among the greatest sufferers. It was formerly thought that it was barmful | Flavel Shutleff. to the system to cure eexema, but it has been proved that with proper dietary, hygienic and medicinal treatment, the sufferer will not only be relieved of an annoying local irritation, but materially improve in health. But in all cases the treatment should be three-fold, since to apply a local application while negligent of the diet and of the importance of building up the system, often does more barm than good.

The treatment should be, first, to remove or abstain from the local cause; second, to protect and relieve the diseased parts; third, suitable medical, hygienic, and dietetic treatment. Of course, cures cannot be expected promptly in cases of persons who continue the vocation which is the immediate cause of the trouble, but even in these cases great relief may be experienced by the use of tonics and lotions, which allay the inflammation. The treatment must vary in each case. For instance, where there is acute inflammation, the coverings must afford protection and be non-irritating, whereas, in chronic forms, considerable stimulation may be required to remove the disease. Internal Educated workmen are the demand of the age. | treatment must vary accordinly. Though As our civilization becomes more and more arsenic is commonly required, it is not always complex, labor rises to a higher plane. The beneficial, and should be administered by mediwork of the artisan touches the domain of art. | cal advice only. Arsenic is the best tonic, in We have only to look at the results of modern | most cases, as it is rapidly eliminated from the bricklaying, stonen asonry, painting, carpenter | system, and there is no such thing as chronic

assure ourselves of this. To do skilled work | For the party making the inquiry we should there must be men to plan as well as execute; recommend the use of malt daily, as an aid to to design as well as to make that design a real digestion, less salt meat, and more of out meal creation. A knowledge of mathematics and | and other nitrogenous food. For a tonic, three drawing is indispensable and should be the drops of nitric acid, two or three times a day. As an ointment, to allay the itching, one tea-In mechanics the field offered to a bright, spoonful of exide of zine mixed thoroughly of November 29th (Thanksgiving Day), of the clear-headed boy is illimitable. Invention | with a lump of lard the size of an egg. Apply | death of their beloved soldier pastor;

HINTS FOR THE TABLE. The dining-room should be bright and cheerful, and the table fresh and carefully laid. A lavish display of silver, even if you have it, is not in good taste. So do not be unhappy if The cloth should be white and glossy. The

plates should be regularly laid, and the knife and fork placed evenly on the right side. Odd dishes are esteemed very desirable-a most convenient fashion, as it enables the housekeeper whose purse is short to add a pretty piece now and then to the service for dinner or tea.

The only consideration in selecting your affording them the means for such development. | dishes is to preserve a proper harmony of color

Our Weekly Experience Meeting.

GOD BLESS YOU, SOLDIER!-BADGE PRESEN-TATION TO MRS. FULLER-DIED AT HIS POST -GRAND ABMY PAIR-"THE MAGIC PUMP."

The little girls who send us the following letters, written with careful attention to the grammatical rules of punctuation and the use of capitals, both say if we do not put their letters in the waste basket they will come again. expect Nettie Ferris, Rosella Perry, Ettie Vaughan, and all of our soldier lassies to take their places in the Relief Corps at eighteen, and there is no better preliminary preparation than in coming to THE TRIBUNE circle. The girls who write us now are simply practicing to take their places as the presidents and secretaries of the future Corps. FOUR UNCLES KILLED.

GAYLORD, KAN., Nov. 20, 1883.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE: My papa takes THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, We tion which often reaches us. Everything, in | get it every Sanday morning, and like it very fact, but what they are reading, would be the much. Papa was a soldier and he had four brothers in the army. Papa's name is John H. Ferris. best reply in too many cases. Cheap illustra- His brothers names were William, Edward, Colin, and George. Uncle William and Edward died in like Peck's flad Boy literature; tales of wild the army. My mamma lost two brothers in the adventure, the daily annals of the police court army. Their names were ira B. and John C. Whitney. My uncle ira was killed in battle at Atlanta, and deprayed society—these certainly do not in twelve years old. I have a little sister

I think my brother will be a good man when he grows up, for he does not swear, and he says he will not drink whisky, chew tobacco, play cards, of running away from home to plunge into the brother go to war and get killed as papa's and dissipation and vices of the lawless frontier.

A SACRED BOND OF SYMPATHY. Кокомо, Ind., Nov. 24, 1883.

ally bright and winsome, the child of pious | I read Mand Allen's letter in your paper and parents, who after a course of stories of life in would like to tell her that my papa is a one-armed the West, concluded to imitate the hero of one soldier, too; but he cannot farm as her papa does, of them and run away from home. The night for he lost his right arm and was wounded through the right side at the battle of Atlanta, Ga. He was wounded six times and cannot work any, but suffers all the time. I am proud he was a soldier and and made his escape from an upper window to helped to save our country. He served all through a porch, and sliding down the pillars put out | the war. He served eighteen months after he lost his arm. I have one brother. We all like THE TRIBUNE. I am ten years old, and would like to hear from Maud Alien again.

HOSELLA PENNY. Yours, with respect, ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

WEST NEW PORTLAND, ME., Nov. 18, 1883. To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I am but fourteen, and this is my first attempt at | Van Etten.

writing for a paper. My father was a captain in parents, after reading a library of reckless bor- the 1st Maine cavalry. He has taken THE NAder tales, culminating with a sight of a trav- | TROWAL TRUBENH only a few months. We like it very much. I like to read stories, but my parents wont allow me to read adventures and leve stories. Hike what Miss Strong said about reading good father to send them money to return home I read "David Copperfield," My Wife and I," "We and Our Neighbors," and the poems "Evangeline,"
"The Spanish Student," "The Courtship of Miles
Standish," "Enoch Arden," "Lucile," besides sev. eral others. I am now reading "Bleak House"

Father tells me that it wont do any good to read

Yours, truly, ETHE VAUGRAN. ANOTHER YOUNG PATRIOT. ULYSSES, Nov. 23, 1883.

I am very much interested in THE TRIBUNE and I like to read the children's letters. My father, A. H. Cobb, belonged to company E. Ist New York Dragoons, and participated in thirty-nine battles. law will be passed allowing all prisoners a pension. Of the magazines and papers that can be I hope that more children will write, and that somebody will write a complete history of the campaign in the Shenandoah in 1864 for Tun

D. RAYMOND COBB. WANTS A SUBSTITUTE FOR BRANDY.

MANSFIELD, O., Nov. 23, 1883. To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE: are dear if offered for nothing. They sow the wrote them. I think if we were all a little more be fewer drunkards in the world.

Yours, sincerely, SOLDHER'S WIFE. A BEAUTIFUL POEM. A contributor sends the following with the

request to reprint it for the benefit of the Experience Meeting: GOD BLESS YOU, SOLDIER! God bless you, soldier! When our sky Was heavy with impending woes, When traitors raised the buttle-ery, When fear met fear in every eye,

You rushed to meet our foes! God bless you, soldier! scarred and worn, Wearied with marching, watching, pain, All battle stained and battle tern. Bravely have all your tasks been borne. You have not fought in vain.

God bless you, soldier! When the air Grows heavy with the battle's roar, Sheltered beneath His love and care, May victory with her garlands rare, Adorn you evermore.

God bless you, soldier! When the days Of peace the eagle's nest shall show, With home and hearts made warm with lave, With joys below, with joys above,

Secretary of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. S. E. Fuller, who gave a history of her trip to Denver and the formation of the National Corps. The addresses was warmly received, and at the conclusion, Jennie Godfrey, eight years old, advanced and presented a beautiful gold badge to Mrs. Fuller, in the following pretty verses. Mrs. Fuller, who was deeply affected, replied stinate cracks and fissures, particularly in the in a few touching words, when Miss Myra L. Bates gave a stirring recital of "The Battle of Lookout Mountain," after which Lieut, Mason, of New Bedford, presented the painting, followed by a fitting response by Commander

PRESENTATION POEM. We meet to-night together here, In friendship tried and true, Wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, friends,

To aid the boys in blue. We've not forgot the days, now past,

Of eighteen sixty-two, When old and young worked hard and long To aid the boys in blue. And now when peace and plenty reign,

We feel that we must not refrain, But aid the boys in blue, So we have organized a band Of workers, firm to do

Amid these brave and true

All in their power to serve the cause, And aid the boys in blue. And at our head with love we placed

A lady, loyal, true, Whose constant aim and watchword is To aid the boys in blue.

We hall her presence here to-night With kind thoughts not a few, For well we know the deep respect Of all these boys in blue.

Which we all feel for you, The members of your Woman's Corps, And all these boys in blue, We ask you to accept this badge From all these friends so true,

So with the love and deep respect

In memory of what you've done . To aid the boys in blue. DIED AT HIS POST. Our national secretary, Mrs. S. E. Fuller, writes us as follows from Boston, under date

We have had a shock to-day that time can only effice. At a Union Thanksgiving church service, and while Rev. Warren H. Cudworth was in the act of prayer, he sank to the floor and expired in a few moments. No man could have been taken from us who will be more deeply mourned and missed. He was an enlisted man, and served four years as chaplain of the 1st Massachusetts regiment of infantry during the rebellion; a stanch, true friend to every soldier, never too weary to minister to their comfort or happiness. At the time of his death be was chaplain of the 1st Massachusetts ment Association, and also chaplain of Joseph Hooker Post, No. 23, G. A. R., Department of Mas-

No ciergyman of our city was more loved or welcomed by every inmate of our Massachusetts Soldiers Home than he. During the last summer, when other ministers were at the mountains and seashere, he remained at his post, preaching in his own (Unitarian) church every Sunday morning and for five Sunday afternoons, climbing the hill in the heat of midsummer to the Home to talk, as only almost in his infancy, gave him a set of carpen- our coming women-a father in third during all those years at the front. NINE BATTLES-BRANDY IN MINCE PIES- Truly, a brave, true and godiy man has fallen.

A GRAND ARMY FAIR. PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Nov. 26, 1883.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Three nights in November the good people of Port Jervis gave to the G. A. R. fair, under the able management of the comrades of Carroll Post and a host of patriotic ladies, who have worked untiringly to contribute to the grand success. The hall was lavishly decorated with flags and banners Now, we want the little girls, one and all, to and festoons of evergreens; the booths were bowfeel welcome at the Experience Meeting, as we | ers of beauty, presided over by our fair women and sparkling girls, and all in all it is pronounced the grandest series of enterlainments ever given here. Grand military tableaux, music and recitations enlivened each evening. On the opening evening, Judge Holbrook introduced Miss Annie Millington, daughter of Rev. William Millington, a young lady who has been studying elocution with Professor Dickenson, who opened the programme with a superb rendition of Ingersoll's composition, "The Past Rises Before Me Like a Dream," received with prolonged appliance. A grand series of tableaux then followed. "The Picket-Guard," preceded by "All Quiet on the Potomac," given by Judge Hol-brook; "Confederate and Union Officers of '61," Recruiting Office," " A Widow Offering Her Only Son for Her Country's Cause," Scene I and II; "The Good-bye," "The Midnight Grand Rounds," "Relief," "News from the Front," Home on a Furlough," Scene I and II; "Camp Scenes," "Union and Confederate Officers of '65."

A prominent feature of the fair was the relic department, in charge of Comrade Davis, where were to be seen interesting trophics, not only of the re-bellion, but of the Revolutionary struggle. Among these was a guide flag of the Tenth Legion, General Van Wyck's saber, star of a flag used in the Revolution, General Hood's military coat, a record of the secession convention of the State of Kentucky, pre-sented to Colonel Rock well Tyler, 56th N. Y. S. V., sented to Colonel Rock well Tyler, 56th N. Y. S by C. B. Holwell, Chesterville, S. C., September, 1865. The bazaar was aglow with beauty, affording everything to please the fancy or serve an honest use. There was a beautiful flower booth, presided over by the fairest daughters of Port Jervis; gypsy fortune-teller's tent, with its presiding genii; lemonade wells, confectionery booth, supper and lunch tables, and a post-office, in which concentrated the liveliest interest. Emmet cornet band furnished the music.

The second evening a miscellaneous musical programme was given, opening and closing with a grand tableau. Among the charming piano solo-ists were Miss Frank Walsh, Miss Lillie Slawson, Miss Cox, and Mrs. Bartlett, while beautiful vocal' numbers were given by Mrs. St. John and Miss Kate Walsh, and recitations by Miss L. Bennet and Miss Louise Bennet.

The last evening there was an amusing series of tableaux, varied with orchestral music, and opened with a piano solo by Mrs. Murray. The programme included "Little Bo Peep," "Boys and Girls Come Out," "Old Woman in the Shoe," "Ding Dong Bell," duct in costume, "The Merchant Princes," and "March from Eabyland," The whole coneluded with a "Punch and Judy" exhibition by A. I. Kirk, and "Mugby" Salesman by Dr. Sol Van Etten. "The Soldier Boy," a bright little daily run during the fair, did valiant service for the cause. All in all it was a glorious success, and a substantial sum has been added to the soldier fund. The vast crowds who thronged the fair until there was hardly standing room in the balconies, shows Hike what Miss Strong said about reading good | how near the veterans are to the popular heart, books, and I will tell her what I have been reading. | The Post Jervis ladies have done nobly, and the veterans are more proud of them than ever. So

> THE MAGIC PUMP. We have been looking over Miss Emma D. Sibley's beautiful spectacular fairy play, arranged for children, to be presented at G. A. R. entertainments. The author herself gives the plot of the play, as follows:

Dramatized from one of the old, old fairy talesthose oft-told stories that have made so many little faces wear big eyes, little lips part in speechless admiration, little hearts throb with sympathy and love, and which often kin lie the first fires of healthful imagination in busy tittle brains—the plot of 'The Magic Pump" may be briefly told: A sprightly little water-spirit, known as Urla,

has transgressed the fairy law by departing from the guardianship of a happy little brook (whose course she so graphically describes), and marrys our camp-fire soon loomed in sight, and a tired but happy band gathered around it, not as the sen-Colonel (afterwards General) Gibbs. Thope that a | flows the well fed by the waters of her own little Two daughters, Ina and Trudchen, twins, and precisely alike, have blessed this strange union;

heir wonderful beauty and charm of manner in-

The play opens with Urla as a widow, and there, and a feeling of heavy indebtedness to all the good the play opens with Urla as a widow, and there, and a feeling of heavy indebtedness to all the good the play opens with Urla as a widow, and there. tentment in the love of her children, and in the Ones, Harper's Young People. While this Trimung give me a good substitute for brandy or fairy heart is so succeptible. Little children, even. general distinction is drawn, we are glad to say that not only the boys and girls but men and women of all ages will find much to admire and enjoy in all of these, most of which are beautifully illustrated. Beware of catchlike to know some of the splendid women who wrote them. I think if we were all a little more zealous in the cause of temperance there would carth's blessings by the sound of her daughter's carthy into the station, I experienced not the least difficulty in seeking out the lady of the telegram. merry laughter. Ina and Trudchen enter in gay spirits, and sceking their favorite spot, the well-box, are making childish speculations on their fu-ture, when they shall have grown to womanhood. I musical voice (which at its first utterance told you of Suddenly there appear from the pump two little | elecutionary powers) gave me welcome, while the men, in factastic costumes of green, who indulge in quaint bows and various strange motions, much to the wonderment of the sisters; finally, intro-ducing themselves as their cousins, Codig and Tac-daughters left to her care and guidance, to whom iturn-the latter, as his name implies, never speaking, excepting an occasional yes or no. The object of their visit is explained in an invitation to royal of their visit is explained in an invitation to royal different study in her profession, earned for herself festivities in bonor of the Prince Chug Chug, son a name in the list of loyal women which but few of the great Frog King, their great uncle. Hastening to their mother, in their wild excitement, Ina and Trudchen are still more surprised to learn of Uria's perfect acquaintance with all that has tran-spired, and that she bids them go to the "palace of the great Frog King," adding that by this means they may be able to restore their mother to her native country. But they must be brave and per-

them God speed. ACT SECOND shows us the splendor of King Frog's but from my carliest recollections I have nossessed palace, and the marvelous entertainment for the | a manifest taste for military, and the stories of our daughters of Uria, grand-nicees of his majesty, the | Nation's struggle for liberty in the old Revolution-King. On their arrival they are, for the first time, told of their mother's fairy birth, of the cause of a strange enthusiasm. I was but a little girl-All here are sins of imperfect nutrition, a figure of the greatest of the greatest dispersion of the g her banishment, and the only means by which she | scarcely twelve years of age-when the war broke

diseases of the skin, upwards of one hundred in number. The cruption known as "milk the cvening was an address by the National crust," to which infants are subject, is a conwith an entertainment of such rare magnificence as only the fairy brain, can invent.

Act Third introduces a seme in the dense forest near the mouth of Mahak's cave at the gates of Fairyland. From this cave issue lurid flashes, a companied by rouring thougher, demoniac laughter, and strange, wild music. Blinded with the hideousness of the scene, Imand Trudchen emerge terror-stricken, from the cave, their hands before their eyes, calling to each other in desperate tones; and are relieved by the discovery that both have escaped from their frightful adventure unharmed.

"Then you know something of the work that followed the war, and finally, in July, '81, the soldiers of this city organized Wetzel-Compton Poet—named after two young heroes of the war. Wetzel, the color-bearer, falling in battle, Compton snatched waving it aloft, with shouts for victory, the arm that bore it was shattered with a rebel shot. With a charter membership of sixteen the treasury of the Post was in an impoverished condition, and not a cent in the relief fund. So I organized a company of amateurs and gave them "Jane Eyre" at scaped from their frightful adventure unharmed. | pany of amateurs and gave them "Jane Eyre" at Ina, facing the cavern, assumes an attitude of de-fiance, for the sixth and last pepper has done its and netted the neat little sum of \$300. Of course, work, and now only remains the final act of re-turning to the cave to claim their reward. Again the cave emits a blinding flash, and Trudchen, Post presented me with a beautiful gold badge and

> initiated, given the grip, password," &c, Such was the simple story. Mrs. Weiler is the first woman made a member of the G. A. R., and in fact there are but three who have ever been honored with a membership. The badge is of exquisite workmanship, and prized beyond words by | nal purity, maintaining all the good qualities the worthy owner. Having found it necessary to remain over night, was suggested by way of entertainment, that we visit that evening the G. A. R. reading room, which is under the supervision of Wetzel-Compton Post, and where we met with a number of the comrades, whose exciting and sometimes quite romantic anecdotes of the war declared them good story-tellers as well as good soldiers.

made me an honorary member, when I was duly

brilliancy of something on the ground, which proves to be the little green snakes, and still "not snakes, but beautiful gems," such as the fairies wear. The voice of Codig is flist then heard, and soon he Patronized to the extent of every available space, rushes on the scene, followed by Taciturn, both of whom have sought the little ladies, far and near, the tables and desks being occupied by quiet, in-dustrious youths, this nest, well-lighted, nicelyand manifest such intense pleasure on finding the objects of their search safe from the clutches of the objects of their starch safe from the clutches of the awful genii, that they unwittingly disclose their heart's secret—Tacitum's gestures quite as affectually as Colinia in the commended. ally as Codig's inpassioned words—and Ina and Trudchen can do naught but retire in pretty con-It was there, too, I was shown, with much pride the hill. Urla appears with outstretched arms and her children rush to her motherly embrace. In a single breath they are product the home on the ladies of Hamilton, whose exquisite taste is, single breath they are product the home on the ladies of Hamilton, whose exquisite taste is, single breath they are product to the home on the ladies of Hamilton, whose exquisite taste is, single breath they are product to the home on the ladies of Hamilton, whose exquisite taste is, single breath they are product to the home on the ladies of Hamilton, whose exquisite taste is, single breath they are product to the home on the ladies of Hamilton, whose exquisite taste is, single breath they are product to the home on the ladies of Hamilton and the ladie following morning, having ended my sojourn with the people of Hamilton, after a few hours of un-eventful travel, I was "home again," with assur-ance doubly sure that for true charity and unsingle breath they are endeavoring to tell her of their wonderful adventure, and to give her the little green snakes. Urla is fairly overcome with joy at the safe return of her daughters, and the bounded hospitality, throughout the length and brendth of these glorious United States of ours, the ssion of the gems that will unlock the gates of Fairyland for her. The King and his suite are announced, and a general happy reunion takes place. Suddenly Urla remembers that to resume soldiers bear the palm. EMMA D. SIBLEY. TWO MAINE CORPS.

was spent in social converse.

Poxsel.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

conductor. Mrs. Elizabeth Burrows; guard,

Mrs. Martha Thompson; inspector, Mrs. Hester

The flourishing Auxiliary of Stout Post, Fay-

ette, O., has been organized, Miss Emma D.

stitution and installation. The following are

the officers: President, Mrs. Matilda Cole:

senior vice-president, Rose Harrison; junior

vice-president, Frank Lindesmith; secretary,

Nancy Garlick; treasurer, Lucretia Booth;

chaplain, Flora A. Pike; conductor, Maggie

Hutchins; guard, Carrie Hitchcock. In writ-

ing, us the secretary says: "The visit of the

young ladies to this place will long be remera-

bered with pleasure by the members of the

Corps, and those who had the pleasure of enter-

taining them feel themselves particularly

favored, and hope for many more such oppor-

Noting the presence in Bangor, Me., of Mrs.

Sarah E. Fuller, secretary of the Woman's Na-

tional Relief Corps, who spent the Sabbath as

the honored guest of General I. S. Bangs, the

Whig and Courier says: "Mrs. Fuller is a most

enthusiastic laborer for the boys in blue, and

is endeared to the comrades of Massachusetts

and the old soldiers of Powder Horn Hill by

the institution of Corps at Winthrop, Corinna,

and Bangor, the same paper says: "These

Maine under the National Order, an announce-

the State organization and join the National."

some places the Corps hold their meetings on

the same evening as the Post, but in an adjoin-

session in the afternoon, when the same hall

A Relief Corps has been granted a charter at

publishes his bright little paper, The Campfire.

Among the members of the new Relief Corps,

"Our work must prosper with the benediction

Brint and McBride Auxiliary, Richfield Cen-

Bolinger; chaplain, Lydia Baylis; conductor,

Kate Griffin; guard, Rachel Raymond. The

Corps is wide awake and will work in aid of

The comrades and ladies of Freedom, Pa.,

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They give an early presentation of "The Lit-

tle Major," with Major Percival in a leading

Susie A. Comly, the talented and accom-

president, Mrs. Washburn.

ers upon this important question.

her devotion and self-sacrifice." Concerning

land forever. The King looks wonderfully wise, and quickly comprehends the situation by signifying his intention of immediately building two golden palaces near his own, and then asking Codig and Ina to occupy one, and Taciturn and Trudeben the other. Thus all are made happy, and they bid us adicu with the mergiest of voices and lightest of feet, and

ser old fairy life deprives her of the companion-

ship of her half fairy children; the mother love is stronger than the desire for a life of never ending

gayety in her own country, and she is about to

yield possession of the gems, when Codig takes

heart to ask that the young ladies be allowed to

return with them, all to dwell together in Fairy-

a glimpse of Fairyland in the distance. The famous Boy Brigade is introduced into the play, directions for costuming and drill being given. The following are rights of presentation: For one night, (with or without matinee), \$10, with fifteen complete copies furnished post free; two nights, \$15; every additional night, \$3. Books not sold, except with right of presentation, as above; sample books sent on application of managers of entertainments; extra copies of music can be obtained at a small sum. Address all communi-EMMA D. SIBLEY,

No. 109 Jefferson street, Toledo, Ohio. Relief Corps Work.

A MUSTERING OFFICER ON HER TRAVELS-TWO MORE CORPS-ALL ALONG THE LINE. Toleno, O., November 28, 1883.

Chief Mustering Officer, Department of Ohio. port of my recent visits to Cincinnati and Hamilton, whither I was sent in the discharge of my duties as your first assistant in the work of mustering into the Woman's Relief Corps the loyal women of our patriotic State. As well attempt to describe the germ of true courraleship itself as the generous ospitality extended to me as the authorized bearer of the secret work of our grand good Order. How-ever, a brief sketch of the incidents of travel and success of the undertaking may arrest the attention of some of my fellow-laborers, and possibly offer some encouragement. Laden with knapsack and haversack, I seemed the full-fledged soldier that morning of November which found me aboard the southward bound train of the Cinciunati, Hamliton, and Dayton Railroad, looking as wise, no doubt, as a Freemason of high degree, with my passwords and signals locked up in my heart. Central Ohio scenery grows rather monotonous after a constant gaze of several consecutive hours, and, unattended as I was, I seemed content to sit dumb, and await with throbbing heart my arrival in eamp. "Cincinnati! Passengers change cars," &c., told me of my destination reached; and slyly pinning on the badge provided me as a sign of recognition for the waiting commade, Captain Henry Mur-cotte, and his wife (who were to be my entertainers). I perhaps felt a trifle like "the raw recruit with a bran-new suit." I had not long to wait, for a cheery voice welcomed me, and with the prompt-ness of a 'Regular,' an appetizing supper was spread before us, to which that hungry squad of three did ample justice.

Not blessed with the descriptive powers of a novelist, I shall not attempt even a hint at the per-fect pleasure of that moonlight drive to East Walnut Hills, nor of the sweet little face of the only daughter, who greeted us at the door, and ushered us into the eozie t of parlors, where a huge white cat nestling in an easy chair, a handsome black spitz dog snoozing on the hearth rug, a canary with head under wing perched near by, and windows bright with the choicest of plants, all seemed to say to the weary traveler: "Welcome, our home

And so whatever of misgivings I may have had as to the reception awaiting a traveling officer of a Woman's Society (particularly with a prefix of Miss to her name) were instantly dispelled. The morning of my first work of muster sounded its reveille through a sharp winter wind, and heaviest wraps and muffiers were called into requisition; but never daunted we packed ourselves into the comfortable carriage, and after a ride of two miles and a half reached the fown hall at Columbia, the meeting-place of the Corps, at the appointed time -2 p. m .- and where already a goodly number of ladies had assembled. The result of that gathering of carnest women has already been given you have told you of prejudices overcome, of the encouraging outlook as to membership, and have spoken of the fitting remarks of their president, Mrs. Browne, in acceptance of her office, to which I would add my share of compliment, feeling that to an appeal so beautifully made, from the guardian of a Corps to her sister members, to aid her in the performance of her duties, cannot have been made in vain. But in their account they have modestly omitted

mention of the credit that is unquestionably due the organizers of the Corps for their brave overthrow of all obstacles to organization, and for their admirable management of every detail of preparation, among whom I would especially ntion my sweet-mannered hostess and secretary of the Corps, Mrs. Anna Marcotte. The work of instituting the Corps baving been ompleted, all repaired to their homes for a hurried supper, returning to the hall at an early hour in the evening to perfect their organization by a public installation of officers. It was certainly most gratifying to note a full attendance of the Corps and a flattering delegation from Commodore Foote and George H. Thomas Posts, in whom the installing officer found most attentive listeners and warm enthusiasts. The solemnity of the ceremonies was circle is a good one. Let us hear from our readfollowed by the cheerfulness of music, recitations, and witty speeches of the comrades, and when at a late hour the good-byes and God bless you were in order, all felt that an interest in Commodore Foote Relief Corps was a valuable investment a source of happiness for themselves and a blessing to the community. Once more buffeting the winds, timental girl of Dickens' novel, to build eastles "in the hollow down by the flare," but to thaw out our | times raised against Relief Corps in our cities, | benumbed extremities, and then compliment ourselves on the glorious success of that day's muster. My work in that vicinity finished, I accordingly, explicable to all save the fairy mother and mortal | the next day, bade my new friends adieu and continued on my march, but not without much regret | quite : well as they can go to church or go | tion for future greatness .- Exchange. wishes for Foote Corps. May she plant her stand-A WOMAN COMRADE OF THE G. A. R.

ing hall. For ourselves, we like the regular An order received by telegraph from headquarand furnishings answer for both Post and ters to "stop at Hamilton with Mrs. Josephine Weller and give secret work," found me at an early hour in the afternoon whirling away in the direct tion of that stirring little city, and, once landed at Curiosity is said to be a predominating characteristic of our sex, and if at that hour I was no excep-

Decatur, Ill., are Mrs. General Pugh: Mrs. Moore, wife of Hon. Jesse Moore, late American Consul to Peru, and Mrs. Myra Green, a pensioner of the war of 1812, aged eighty-eight expression of the peculiarly thoughtful face was an assurance not alone of a welcome of the lips but years. Our National Secretary well says: of a patriot mother, such as this." her best love and best efforts are dedicated, Mrs. Weiler has, notwithstanding her home duties, by tre, Ohio, was reorganized as a Relief Corps and the following officers installed: President, can possibly achieve. A little reference to the appropriate recognition of her services cannot but in-Lucy Washburn; senior vice-president, Amanterest the readers of your Department of THE | da Tumson; junior vice-president, Ellen Smith; TRIBUNE. secretary, Patience Green; treasurer, Verona

severing, and return to her with two little green | Compton Post, of that city, and with profound snakes. The First Act closes on the scene of the | interest I listened to the following story, as best I departure for Fsiryland, and the mother bidding | can recall it: 'I really do not know why I was born so loyal; ary times always aroused me, heart and soul, with

Observing on the wall of the tasteful and com-

Some Practical Suggestions for Our Agricultural Readers.

EXCHANGE NOTICE.

The Practical Farmer, a Philadelphia paper,

s famous for two things. One is its astounding notices, of which the following is a specimen: "Last week we saw some specimens of Keiffer pears, raised on the farm of ----, New Jersey, which were among the handsomest ones we ever saw. Mr. - was the introducer of this variety, and he has kept his stock in its origifor which it is so justly noted." It is evident that the Practical Farmer considers that pear trees will "mix in the hill," and that some great effort is required to keep them pure. If Mr. ---, of New Jersey, propagates the Keiffer pear, his increase will be of that variety; but we presume if he were to send out a crabapple to his customers with a pear label on it, the Practical Farmer would consider it evidence of impurity in the pear. The second thing is the frequency with which the Practical Farmer uses the matter of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE in getting up editorials and forgetting to give any credit to the source from which it copies so freely. We can readily spare all the practical matter you need; but please give us credit

HUSBANDRY.

The National Grange finished its annual ses-The National Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Fuller, has already favored the Woman's Department with an account of her most interesting tour through Maine. We have further details of the various installation services, so beautifully performed by Mrs. Fuller, from the Bangor Whip and Courier. At Bangor, where Mrs. Fuller was assisted by Mrs. Paul Seavy and Mrs. Edward E. Small, the following officers which was felt to be very depressing; but the were installed: President, Mrs. Littlefield; S. V. P., Mrs. Woodbury; J. V. P., Mrs. Crossman; Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Foster; Treasurer, pects more encouraging than ever. Mrs. Charles Clayton; Chaplain, Mrs. Gardner Bragdon; Conductor, Mrs. Fred Gorham; In-APPLYING MANURE TO GRASS LANDS. side Guard, Mrs. O. D. Maddocks. Fellowing

remarks by Colonel C. V. Crossman, Dr. A. C. Hamlin, Dr. H. F. Hanson and Mrs. Faller, all of which were enthusiastically received, refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent in social converse. B. H. Beale Relief Corps will hold meetings regularly every Thursday afternoon in the Grand Army the roots of the grass. Another advantage is, nut so as to loosen it. At Corinna, J. Knowles Relief Corps, the fol- that the frequent freezing and thawing of the lowing officers were installed: President, Mrs. | manure breaks up the lumps and makes it so too thick, but of the consistency of newly gath-Dearborn; S. V. P., Mrs. Hutchinson; J. V. P., fine that it settles down among the roots of the ered honey. The sugar may be dissolved with Mrs. Bigelow; Secretary, Mrs. Jossiyn; Treas- grass to a position where it is out of the reach either cold or boiling water, the latter is preferuver, Mrs. Hilliker; Chaplain, Mrs. Lander; of the knives of the mower, and where it can able, and care should be given to ascertain that Conductor, Mrs. Clark; and Guard, Mrs. Esty. best benefit the grass. In spring manuring the all the sugar grains are dissolved. After the ceremony of installation was over, lumps dry hard and do not decompose; and are remarks were made by Mrs. Fuller, Past Assist- in the way of the mower. One of the most QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. DEAR MADAM: You have asked for a written re- Hilliker and Mr. Pease. Refreshments were it out in the antumn and leave it over winter then served, and the remainder of the evening | in small heaps, spreading it in the spring, after the grass begins to grow. The number who do this is comparatively small; but every year we see here and there one who does, doing it prob-John Briny Post Auxiliary, North Lewisburg, ably under the impression that the loss is much O., has been instituted as a Relief Corps. The less than if spread at once after carried to officers were installed by the Post Commander, the field in the autumn. By this practice all and are as follows: President, Mrs. A. L. Bruof the outside of the heaps dry so hard that ner; senior vice-president, Mrs. R. A. Tribbett; when spread in the spring the lumps do not junior vice-president, Mrs. S. M. Thompson; soften, but remain to obstruct the mower, and secretary, Mrs. P. Hollycross; treasurer, Mrs. to be raked up with the hay. Cora Hawkins; chaplain, Mrs. Mary Apple;

GRAVEL WALKS.

An exchange states that "It is a most injurious practice to tramp on gravel walks if they become soft in fall and winter. Boards should be laid on them. These beards may be laid Sibley, assisted by Miss Nora K. Sherwood, away under cover to be used each successive both of Toledo, performing the services of in- year." A spot of ground which becomes soft in the fall or winter cannot be a good place for walking upon, and if a gravel walk is not fit to be walked upon, what use has it? The first If you can answer these questions you will confer principle in walk-making is to keep it dry, so a favor on one who loves-Green Grass, Pa. that it will never become soft and useless for ranged so that the center of the walk isseveral | extensive, beat it smooth with a spade, inches higher than the sides, and the sides should be filled up level with the ground. This will throw all the water to the sides. Then, after rolling or otherwise pressing this foundation, gravel is used on the surface to fill up all inequalities, so as to make a smooth surgravel is best.

APPLES.

Corps are the first that have been organized in If apples are not already gathered, they ment that will surprise the ladies of W. S. should be neglected no longer. If we fortu-Heath Corps, of Waterville, we think, who nately have our usual installment of Indian vainly imagined they were joining the Order | summer in this mouth, we should be careful that would insure the largest influence for | that our winter apples are not exposed to the good through its permanence and the co-opera- influence of its warm, sunny rays. Apples, tion of the G. A. R. This National Order re- | when fully matured, should be put into a cool, ceived full recognition at the National En- dark place, and these be prevented from becampaient of the G. A. R. at Denver, and, in | coming mellow. Some thick-skinned varieview of the above, we have no hesitation in | ties of apples will keep for months after they advising W. S. Heath Corps to withdraw from | become mellow; but most appear rot directly after coming to this condition. The warm, soft light of an Indian summer day affords the best We have a letter from Baldwin, Ill., asking possible means for placing winter apples in a the Woman's Department to take up the Morfavorable condition for speedy rotting. See that mon question, suggesting that it is one that most intimately concerns woman, the home your apples are not exposed to it. The temand the family. The writer predicts that the | perature of the cellar or fruit-house should not Mormons, if left to themselves to increase and | fall below the freezing point; but it should be multiply, especially by immigration, will fill kept as near to the point as practicable, and up the valleys of Utah and the surrounding | the light should be measurably excluded .- Indiana Farmer. States and Territories, with a barbarous popu-

FEEDING HOGS.

lation, that will result in another rebellion and the loss of a vast amount of blood and It is a well-established fact that a bushel of corn will make ten pounds of pork, while it rang's Rheumatic Remedy. It stands out alone treasure. His suggestions to The Tribune will make but little over one-half that amount | as the one great remedy that actually cures of beef. It is also an indisputable fact that one Comrade E. Potter Dustin, Commander, Wilacre of clover will make two pounds of pork to lich Post, Cincinnati, says: "I do not see any- one of beef when grazed without other feed. thing in the Rules and Regulations of the The great value of grass in producing pork is Woman's Relief Corps admitting the members | not as well understood by farmers as it should of the G. A. R. to honorary membership, and I be. Grass is as much nature's food for hogs as cannot see how, in our large cities, our wives | for cattle, and the former will utilize it into | greater profits than the latter can possibly do. could attend the meetings without their husbands." As this objection has been several We arge it upon the swine breeder to give his hogs abundance of grass. It will develop bone we may reply that the meetings may be held | and muscle, with proper flesh to sustain heavy afternoon or evening, as best suits the mem- weights of future fat. A hog that has been bers. If in the afternoon, the ladies can attend | grown principally on grass has a sure foundashopping, without their proper escort. In

Dr. E. L. Sturtevant is constantly doing so many good things that he can well be pardoned if his enthusiasm occasionally runs into extremes, as it appears to have done in his proposed classification of varieties of corn. The classification is proper enough, but he is Cawker City, Kan., where Comrade Alrich not content with the common names of pop-corn, flint, dent, sweet, soft, and husk corns; but the first he would have known as zea everta: the others respectively as zea indurata, zea indentata, zea saccharata, zea amylacea, and zea vaginata. There can be no earthly use in these names, unless to breed confusion. They cannot be said to prevent confusion, where none exists; but it may have a good sound, when you ask for flint corn, to ask for zea indurata.

WILD RICE. November 27, by Mrs. R. G. Bacon, of Toledo, | To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

I saw an inquiry for wild rice in your "Questions and Answers." When I lived in Horicon, Wis, the Horicon Lake was full of wild rice. I have seen the Indians boiling it with muskrats for food. Probably it can be got in that locality .- D. K. M. K., Kinsman, O. the new G. A. R. Hall, directed by their able To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE:

You can say to your correspondent that the wild rice can always be obtained along the margin of Sandusky River, at the head of Sandusky Bay, Ohio. Some twenty-five years ago. I brought from Ohio, and planted this wild rice in small lakes, back of Jonesboro, Illinois. A few seeds planted in September, 1856, multi-later, Minden, Neb.

WANTED.—The addresses of John Butler, Morris Ryan, or any comrade of company 5th U.S. infantry, in 1864, '65, or '66, by Lewis Barton, Minden, Neb. plied to hundreds of acres in a few years; but drainage and dry seasons have killed it all out. Water from two inches to two feet is indispensable to it. -S. P SHORT, Vienna, Illinois. Remarks.-We are greatly obliged for the

above information. Our correspondent, A. Y. N., may now have an opportunity of procuring

PORK CURING, &C. DEAR SIR: An extract from the German-DEAR SIR: An extract from the German-town Telegraph, in "Rural Topics," of this week, one, by Howard Carr, Tacoma, Wash. Ter.

about the cure of pork, reminded me of the Kildare (Ireland) manner of dry-salting. I send you some extracts anent the subject, from an old book in my collection.-R. O., Washing-

ton, D. C. To Preserve Butter. To ten ounces of common salt, add two ounces of saltpeter, and two ounces of brown sugar; beat and blend well together; when the butter is prepared for salting, to each pound of butter add one ounce of the above; work it

tub) for keeping. Bacon Equal to Westphalia Hams. Hang your pork for six or eight days, without cutting up, or so long as the weather will permit its keeping; when broken up, rub very dry and apply the above composition by hand, rubbing twice; put into press and turn every day for a fortnight, then hang up to dry. Hanged beef should be treated in the same

very well into a mass, and close (in crock or

NOTELETS. A patent has been issued for making paper from green grass grown in fields, meadows and lawns. The inventor proposes to produce over 3,500 pounds of paper from each acre of grass. Paper is now made in Sweden from the bleached and blanched remains of mosses that lived centuries ago.

-Farm-yard manure is the paramount means of fertility on land, it is the farmers sheetanchor, and every other manure must be regarded only as auxiliaries, and yet how many farmers fail to take proper means to accumulate and preserve it from deterioration.

-A dairyman who claims to have weighed the skimmed milk fed to swine, and the gain THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE PATRONS OF in ficsh thereof, says 100 pounds of skimmed milk will produce three pounds of pork.

-Much has been said about special manures sion in this city on the first of this month. for special crops, but no person ever yet had The meeting was harmonious and profitable to any reason to find fault with stable manure for the order. The organization is reported as be- any and all crops if applied properly. Wood ing in a healthy and prosperous condition, ashes and bone meal are also of universal good, about one hundred new Granges having been and may be applied to all kinds of crops, and added during the last fiscal year. Many always with benefit. These are all the ma-Granges which have been dormant have been | nures necessary for any crop, and if failures revived, and most of them have considerably occur, where these are applied, it may be traced increased their membership during the past to improper working of the soil, or a defective twelve months. The unprecedented increase | mechanical condition of the land, either from of the organization during the first eight years | its containing too much water, or from insuffiof its existence was followed by a reaction | cient depth of properly pulverized ground.

-Farmers sometimes use plaster to decomworst crisis has been passed, and the Granges pose vegetable substances. This is an error, as are in better condition and their future pros- plaster does not act as a decomposer. It acts as a preservative. Lime and ashes are decompos-

ing bedies, We take the following from an article in the by pouring kerosene oil upon it and allowing -A rusty nut or bolt can generally be started Massachusetts Ploughman: "The number of it to soak for a few hours; give it a smart blow farmers who believe in applying manure to and if it does not start put on more oil. In grass lands in the autumn is every year in- some cases it may be necessary to set fire to the creasing. Observation and experience have oil, which heats the nut, burns the rust, and taught that the loss by evaporation of manure loosens it. A pair of blacksmith's tongs heated that is applied in the autumn is more than | red hot and allowed to grasp the nut firmly made up by the protection which it affords to until the tongs are nearly cool, will swell the

-Sirup made for feeding bees should not be

Our Agricultural Editor's Weekly Chat With His Readers. I notice mention made of Kainit as a fertilizer, and would ask what it is, and what is it used for

particularly.-A Young Farmer. Aus. Kainit is a mineral salt, mined from a depth of 300 to 1,000 or more feet, at Strassfurt, Germany. It is of considerable value as a manure chiefly on account of the large amount of sulphate of potash it contains. It is found to be a good fertilizer for trees of all kinds, sown broadcast over the surface at the rate of 400 pounds per acre. We have tried it both on fruit and forest trees with marked results. It is a valuable fertilizer for most kinds of crops.

I want some advice about my lawn. It was sown early in the spring of 1882, and soon made a good sod; it looked well all that year, and has been all that one could desire the past summer; but within which disfigures it very much, and I am at a loss what to do with it or what caused the dying out,

Aus. The dead spots are caused by the intruthe purpose for which it is made. Another | sion of an annual grass of some kind, probably thing is, that no amount of gravel alone will the crab grass. This is one of the difficulties make a proper walk. Sandy gravel will not | met with in trying to have a fine lawn. If the bind, and is not fit to walk upon; and clayey summer happens to be rather wet, or if the gravel, which becomes hard 'a dry weather, be- | lawn has been watered, this and other annual comes soft when wet. Gravel should only be grasses attain such luxuriance that the finer used as a mere surface to a walk. The walk grasses are destroyed, and as the annuals die foundation should be of some lasting, porous out these dead patches appear. Remove the material, such as broken stones, brickbats, oys- dead grasses by raking, and spread a dressing ter shells, etc. A depth of eight inches of this of fine soil over the surface, then sow thickly material will be sufficient, and it should be ar- | with blue grass seed and roll it over; or, if not

> Can you tell me the name of the plant called in this part the American jute, or anything about its value ?-J. K. R., Trenton, N. J.

Ans. We believe that this name has been given to the Abutilon Avicenna, which is a troublesome weed in some parts of the country. It is a face. More than this injures the walk. Clayey native of India, as are the plants which furnish the jute fiber of commerce. Why one of these plants should receive the name of American jute, and that the least valuable of the two, we do not know. Certainly, they all grow equally well in this climate.

> I see so many different opinions as to the quality of our native grapes, that I would be pleased to have you state which two or three untive grapes you consider best, quality of fruit alone considered

Ans. We presume that table grapes are meant, as there is some difference between wine grapes and those best fitted for table use. The question would probably be answered differently by different individuals. We think that we would give preference to the Iona; and yet, between that and the Brighton, we have but little of choice. For a third choice we are at a loss to decide between such as Delaware, Walter, Catawba, Diana, Duchess, and Eumelan.

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W ANTED.—The address of five soldiers in each State, capable and willing to devote time and energy to my interests. Good pay, W. H. Thompson, 404 Arch street, Philadelphia.

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core of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. WANTED.—The post-office addresses of the following WANTED.—The post-office addresses of the following named: Colonel Geo. N. Reichard, 1820 Ph., Jacob K. Scheidt, 192th Pa. vols.; Joe Johnson, 8th Pa. cav.; C. C. Wheeler, Co. D. 6th Vt.; A. N. Morton, 20th Mich.; H. H. Richards, 77th N. Y.; Everett Guard, W. R. Clapp; 42d O. V. L. C. E. Henry; 18t Virginia cav., Capt. Thos. Winters; 107th N. Y. vols., Capt. A. S. Fitch; 118th Pa. vets., George Williams; 22d Pa. cav., J. M. Dawson; 21st Conn. vols.; John A. Brown; 22d Ind. vols., Licut. Joseph Morris; 1st Me. vols., Capt. H. E. Seilen, Co. D.; 12th N. J. vols., A. Stanley; 180th Pa., G. M. Gray; 85th Pa., Oco. Weese; Co. A. 5th N. Y., Caspar Weiner.

WANTED.-The address of Sarah Elizabeth Jones. daughter of John Floher She is heir to 80,000 by the death of an uncle. Last known of her she removed either to Missouri or Kansus. Her busband, Henry Jones, is a blacksmith by trade. Address Henry Flesher. Crescent City, Illinois. WANTED. The address of Captain Trimmell, orany member of company K, and Illinois infantry, by George Howard, Clarence, Mo.

WANTED.—The addresses of Mr. Kemble, chief en-gineer; Dr. Holden, surgen of U. S. stenmer Dacota in 1865 to 1865, or any of that ship's company, by Jacob Rouch, Hanley, Mich. 121-21

W ANTED.—The addresses of John Miller, Fred. Hyath, Walter Smith, and Albert Wright, of com-pany E, and Lieutemant Target, of company L, 15th New York cav., by James M. Glengon, Avoca, N. Y. El-ch WANTED.—The address of T. Jefferson Hemma, of company E, 5th New York: also Joseph H. Gannett, of company H. 12th Massachusetts, by S. P. Richards, Hotchkissville, Conn.

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